

Award-Winning Businesses

Each year, the S.C. Smart Business Recycling and Green Hospitality programs recognize businesses that implement exemplary waste reduction and recycling programs.

The 2015 award winners – listed below – collectively saved more than \$370,000 in avoided disposal costs and earned nearly \$88,000 from the sale of recyclables.

- Caterpillar, Inc.
- Charleston Water System
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Sea Pines Resort
- Gravatt Camp and Conference Center



Measuring Results

Each fiscal year (FY), DHEC tracks what and how much South Carolinians – including businesses – recycle. DHEC's "South Carolina Solid Waste Management Annual Report" provides a detailed account of these efforts.

In FY13 (July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013), businesses in the state recycled nearly 900,000 tons of material including more than 300,000 tons of metal, about 400,000 tons of paper and more than 15,000 tons of plastic.

Businesses can make more effective solid waste management decisions and help grow recycling markets by tracking and reporting recycling efforts.

Visit www.scdhec.gov/smartbusiness/Reporting to learn more about free and confidential reporting.



The S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program and the S.C. Green Hospitality Program are provided and managed by DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling.

Please visit www.scdhec.gov/recycle or call 1-800-768-7348 to learn more about recycling in South Carolina.

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Two Programs. One Goal.

Reducing Your Company's
Environmental
Footprint



Two programs. One service.

The S.C. Smart Business Recycling and Green Hospitality Programs

Help businesses of all sizes save money by reducing their environmental impact. These programs offer technical assistance to help facilities begin or expand green practices.

Tools for Sustainability

Both programs offer free, confidential, non-regulatory services including:

- **Best Management Practices fact sheets** that provide direction, descriptions, examples and other resources to help green your facility;
- **Downloadable Smart Business Guide and Zero Waste to Landfill Guide**;
- **Non-regulatory site visits and one-on-one technical assistance**;
- **Research and contacts** for potential markets, service providers and beneficial reuse customized to meet your business' needs;
- **On-demand webinars** featuring South Carolina sustainability experts; and
- **Workshops** to provide interactive training on current sustainability practices.

Waste Reduction Resources

Find services and products to help your business from the S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program website, www.scdhec.gov/smartbusiness, including:

- **The Green Resource Index** – a comprehensive list of recyclers that service South Carolina businesses;
- **The Recycling Business Directory** – a searchable database of outlets for recycling commodities;
- **S.C. Materials Exchange** – a free exchange service for reusable materials. For more information please, visit www.scdhec.gov/scme; and
- **S.C. Green Building Directory** – a list of green building materials, services and recyclers.

Statewide Partners

The S.C. Smart Business Recycling Program is a partnership of DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling and local governments that offer collection services and technical assistance to businesses.



S.C. Green Hospitality Alliance

S.C. Green Hospitality Alliance (Alliance), a partnership between DHEC and the S.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association, certifies sustainable hotels, restaurants and other hospitality facilities.

There are about 75 Alliance members across South Carolina, including every major hotel brand, university properties and locally owned restaurants.

Businesses interested in becoming members of the Alliance must complete an application and are awarded a one, two or three palmetto certification based on the number and types of green practices implemented.

For more information or to join, visit www.scdhec.gov/greenhospitality or www.greenhospitalityalliance.com.

